The dead are in the homes of rich and [illegible];
The Counselors themselves grief-[illegible] bow,
[illegible] and more [illegible] daily [illegible]
Pours out the individual's treasured [illegible]
Yet is the Temple poor. O Priestess wise,
When shall these men have clear-discerning eyes!
Come forth, O Carts, to bear the dead away!
Counsel, O Priestess, while the Sage-[illegible] pray!
Death decimates the poor:—When will they learn?
Death takes the Council, three, but three return
The eleventh day at dark and [illegible]
Their City's fate,—their own confirmed disgrace.

A summons to the Temple [illegible]!
[illegible] the Council [illegible]
[illegible]
For ne'er had city's Burghers greater need.
What word and act is this, O wondrous God,
Deterring Death, restraining now the rod!
A bare-walled Temple, but a people blessed;
A smiling Priestess, and an emptied chest.
A word prophetic—now no longer vague—
"The dead have no estates—no poor in Prague;
Avenge, ye Counselors, nor dare the plague."

Then 'mid the silence of the Temple, here,
The Sage stood forth uncovering his white hair,
Confessing: "Blind, O Brothers, worse than blind,
Were all the Council: God is just and kind.
[illegible] hath he spared alive; yet in the grave
Lie silent those we'd given wealth to save.
Above the pestilence!—The Temple's [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

JOIN THE PARTY

[illegible]

[illegible]

THE [illegible]

by [illegible]

[illegible] from a [illegible] Claus [illegible] through his [illegible] by wind [illegible] the open spaces of the park, and he [illegible] arms vigorously in an effort to keep [illegible]

[illegible] glanced at him, some curiously, some [illegible] the latter invariably adding a [illegible] that now covered the bottom of [illegible] A prosperous looking person approached [illegible] with a [illegible] he flung a coin into the pot and then [illegible] occurred. Instead of following [illegible] he stood as if rooted to the [illegible] wildly around. The pseudo Santa [illegible] his eye and flung his arms more vigor-[illegible]

[illegible] demanded the stranger. The [illegible] the pot shook his head. "Some one [illegible] I thought it was you."

[illegible] further he stopped again and glanced [illegible] a puzzled look.

[illegible] is playing a trick," he muttered. "I [illegible] fellow is a ventriloquist."

[illegible] stopped swinging his arms and there [illegible] look in his watery eyes.

[illegible] a voice," said he, "but I don't know [illegible] from. I think it said 'Follow me.'"

[illegible] the voice. "I want both of you to fol-[illegible] You cannot see me, but I will reveal my-[illegible] proper time; meanwhile, follow me. We [illegible] the park to the east side of the city. Fol-[illegible]

[illegible] appeared to be receding and, as if [illegible] some irresistible influence, the pair turned [illegible] together across the park.

[illegible] looking couple attracted a great deal [illegible] and before they had traversed half the [illegible] the park a procession of loungers, [illegible] to be seen in the locality, was following in [illegible]

[illegible] subway station a policeman held up his [illegible] halt the crowd, but almost instantly let it [illegible] expression of fear crossed his weather-[illegible] and, to the amazement of every one, he [illegible] and let the crowd pass on.

[illegible] Park Row the procession marched with [illegible] constantly gathering fresh recruits. [illegible] a [illegible] the [illegible] of toil and [illegible] disorderly mob became silent. The [illegible] wrapped his loose flowing garments [illegible] about him, exposing his sandaled feet, [illegible] his eyes heavenward; his lips moved and [illegible] him heard a softly uttered prayer. But [illegible] the sense of hearing to apprise the [illegible] that a prayer was being uttered. All [illegible] on the outer edge of the crowd, appeared [illegible] what was required of them. The faces of [illegible] lost their habitual leering expression [illegible] serious; the poor, half-starved-looking [illegible] women from the tenements bowed their [illegible] every hat came off, and all stood at respectful [illegible]

[illegible] prayer ended, the march was resumed down [illegible] to Forsythe street and through that [illegible] to Grand. The people poured out of the hu-[illegible] as the procession passed, men, women [illegible] some of them coatless and hatless, all [illegible] learn the reason for the unusual demon-[illegible] Children ran up to the counterfeit Santa [illegible] tugged at his coat, begging him for toys. [illegible] shook them off and, to escape being [illegible] sought the protection of the strange being [illegible] led and who possessed such remarkable [illegible] over the mob that a wave of his hand com-[illegible] attention. That hand went up and [illegible] upon the crowd. "Listen, my brethren," [illegible] a voice gentle and low, yet it appeared to [illegible] reaching even to the top storied win-[illegible] the tall tenements out of which tired look-[illegible] and children with pinched features were [illegible] "Know ye why ye follow me? Oh, that [illegible] have understanding of the things that [illegible] back to thee! Thou art blinded by ig-[illegible] Why dost thou clothe thy bodies in rags? [illegible] the rich man by my side. He is warmly [illegible] nourished with good food, while ye are [illegible] and starving. He dwells in no hovel unfit [illegible] such as are all about ye, neither does [illegible] for a pittance from the rising of the [illegible] long after the going down of the same. [illegible] his hands for the marks of toil and yet [illegible] Now gaze on thy brother [illegible] He puts on garments that he would [illegible] in public places except for hire, and stands [illegible] in the biting cold to gather coin that [illegible] exchanged in the market place for food for [illegible] They are but crumbs that fall [illegible] rich man's table. Why should ye [illegible] the need to clothe yourselves in rags [illegible] thy bodies."

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] south [illegible]

The [illegible] the world [illegible] weakened [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

Comrade James [illegible] of [illegible] passed [illegible] for the [illegible] able worker [illegible] He was a [illegible] following [illegible] three weeks before [illegible] dozen comrades [illegible] organize a branch of the Socialist party [illegible] on this trip that he [illegible] his death. He was 71 years old and leaves a wife and three grown-up children, two sons and one daughter, all of whom are interested in Socialism. Comrade [illegible] was a true Christian and Socialist. He rejoiced in the good news of Socialism. He was a noble and an active spirit in the great work. The world is poorer without him. Peace to his ashes and praise to his memory.

UNIVERSAL PEACE

Written by John M. Work and Sent Out by the Woman's National Committee

If the cause of genuine human freedom ever demands it, we Socialists will shoulder our guns and get in line.

But we are in favor of universal peace just the same. And we are in favor of the only economic measures that can insure universal peace.

Every war has an economic cause.

Under the present capitalist system, the [illegible] of each nation are owned by a few [illegible] hire wage slaves to do the [illegible] [illegible] As this is only a [illegible] the value of their labor, it naturally follows that they are able to buy back only a fraction of the product. The capitalists and their retainers are unable to consume all the balance. Consequently there is a great surplus that has to seek a market abroad.

Every civilized nation is in this same condition. Every civilized nation is therefore constantly on the lookout to preserve its markets abroad, to secure new ones if possible, and also to gain or retain opportunities for the investment of surplus capital.

Right here lies the cause of all recent wars—the Spanish-Cuban war, the Spanish-American war, the Philippine war, the China-Japanese war, the Boxer war, the Boer war and the Russo-Japanese war.

Every one of these wars was fought for the purpose of gaining or retaining foreign or colonial markets, and gaining or retaining opportunities for the investment of surplus capital.

Here also lies the reason why all the nations of the world are at swords' points.

They are all maintaining immense navies for the sole and only purpose of gaining and retaining foreign markets and opportunities for investment.

Socialism will abolish war because it will put an end to the fierce contest for foreign markets and investments.

When Socialism is established, the men and the women who do the necessary and useful mental and manual work of the world will receive the full value of the product. They will consume the product themselves. If they are not able to consume it all, they will shorten their hours of labor and not produce so much. As a matter of course, they will exchange products with other nations, each nation getting those things which it desires to use. But they will have no occasion at all to engage in a scramble for foreign markets or investments.

Therefore, when all nations are socialized, the cause of war will be gone.

The Socialists have already made their influence felt in preventing war.

When Norway withdrew from Sweden, the capitalists of Sweden wanted to force her back into the alliance, [illegible] the two nations [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

The [illegible] the following [illegible]

[illegible]

My Dear Comrade:

I [illegible] many [illegible] Christian Socialist [illegible] free [illegible] the Social Gospel of [illegible]

I am also greatly [illegible] of the [illegible] to [illegible] those that are written [illegible]

[illegible]

I [illegible] that all [illegible]

[illegible]

THE [illegible]

Dear Comrade Carr:

Perhaps a word from [illegible] Mr. Hill [illegible] So I write this, giving you [illegible] use of it you may see fit.

The little brochure giving [illegible] riage of George D. Herron [illegible] entitled, if I remember correctly, [illegible] ding," or something to that [illegible] at the time to be a mistake [illegible] concerned. And it was [illegible] because no one [illegible] call any particular [illegible] I had nothing to do with [illegible] except to furnish the [illegible] ceremony used by me [illegible]

The criticism that [illegible] did not conform to legal [illegible] So far as I am personally [illegible] care a rap whether it did [illegible] fact, it was entirely legal [illegible] Mr. Herron and Miss [illegible] I performed the ceremony [illegible] the facts in the case. [illegible] an ordained minister [illegible] was a friend of Dr. Herron [illegible] [illegible] the legal part of [illegible]

It is true that there were [illegible] dresses by friends present [illegible] matter of taste and no one [illegible] of the contracting parties. And [illegible] were not, of course, [illegible] marriage ceremony, but only [illegible] by expressions of good will.

As to the form of marriage [illegible] what it shall be, and [illegible] outside the ritualistic [illegible] one at least, take [illegible] modify them to suit [illegible]

The [illegible] with Mrs. [illegible] at Boston, [illegible] [illegible] there were all [illegible] ceremonies.

Fraternally, [illegible]

[illegible] Warren is [illegible]

[illegible]

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ANOTHER PREACHER

Edmond, Oklahoma.

Mr. A. E. Coleman,

Ardmore, Oklahoma.

My Dear Brother Coleman:

You will recall, while I was at Ardmore, a sermon which I delivered against the THEORY of Socialism. I stated in that sermon that if certain social wrongs were not righted soon, Socialism was inevitable, even though its coming was a serious menace to the nation.

The fact may have no interest for you—but, after [illegible], prolonged study, I have reached the fixed conviction that the teaching of Jesus was essentially Socialistic, and that the only hope for this country is the adoption into actual practice of these salient [illegible] of Socialism. I cannot say that I have [illegible] far enough yet to accept all, or even a majority of the tenets of theoretical political Socialism (I think you will understand what I mean by that [illegible]), but I am convinced that the present capitalistic system is criminal and vicious, that the poor are [illegible] of God-given rights which must be restored [illegible], and that such restoration can and will come [illegible] through the triumph of some organization [illegible] will stand pledged to the introduction and establishment of Socialistic government.

[illegible] Socialists often make serious and sad [illegible] by the attitude which they assume toward [illegible]. If we are not able at the very outset [illegible] conclusions which to them are indisputable they proceed to flay us verbally for our wickedness. If they would patiently teach and wait for results their cause would be greatly advanced by the [illegible] of preacher-converts. Your courtesy in [illegible] statement of your beliefs had no small part to [illegible] with my determination to search this subject of Socialism to its depths.

Your friend,

Leslie Lee Sanders.

OPEN LETTER TO DR. HOLMES

Dear Doctor:

I have always read with pleasure your writings as a homeopathic physician; I am, therefore, surprised at the spirit of intolerance shown in your letter in the Christian Socialist of Jan. 12, in which you say, "Please discontinue sending it to me."

You well know that the principles of homeopathy which you and I recognize as truth are more unreasonable, unthinkable and ridiculous to the great majority than Socialism is to you. And that spirit—"Don't send your literature, don't talk to us; we will not read; we will not listen"—how it has held back the investigation and progress of that truth!

You believe in the "survival of the fittest," yet after all these ages, according to your own statement, "six out of every ten men are utterly unfit, not worth giving a thought." Although really the very [illegible] which you condemn constitutes a "fitness to survive" in our competitive struggle, the kind of fitness which is developed by that struggle. And, Doctor, you know that where the law of the survival of the fittest acts free and untrammeled by artificial laws and governments, among the most savage tribes, there you will find a still greater proportion of ungrateful, selfish, treacherous and utterly contemptible beings. Would that be a reason why they would not be worth a thought by their [illegible]? Would it not rather be a reason why they should all study to develop a better condition of society, and so bring forth a fitness for something [illegible]? Many of them would no doubt scoff at the [illegible] idea of democracy, tell the editor to keep his [illegible] literature, and put up that same argument about the survival of the fittest which would apply with identically the same logic as you use. [illegible] application of that law would lead to the removal of all restrictions—to anarchy.

Every progressive change in society from barbarism to democracy has been a restriction of free competition, an abrogation of the law of the survival of the fittest. Even the stalks of grain in the field, [illegible] in the forest, have sense enough to stand [illegible] for mutual protection. The very wolves [illegible] learned the lesson.

[illegible] gnarled old pine on the exposed and rocky [illegible]

[illegible] LEARNED THE LESSON OF CO-OPERATION, already the power of a whole nation may be used as one man.

The financial baron may be the "boss" for the feudalistic struggle of today, but in the democracy of tomorrow, when the people shall have learned the lesson of co-operation which they themselves are teaching, they would appear as but savage chieftains in an advancing civilization.

For the abuses of the private ownership of political power, monarchy, there is but one remedy—public ownership of political power, which is democracy. For the abuses of monopoly and private ownership of capital and its control of industry, there is but the same remedy—public ownership, industrial democracy—Socialism. It is no new and untried principle. We have had for years public highways, public schools, a public postal system, and many other public industries, and other countries are far ahead of us along these lines. Socialists only ask for continual advancement in this direction, and while thousands of men profess to believe in these things, they continue to vote into power those who bitterly oppose it.

Yours fraternally,

Dr. A. W. Vincent.

PROTEST AGAINST MURDER OF JAPANESE SOCIALISTS

Resolved, That we, the Socialists of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada, and vicinity hereby express our horror at the announcement of the Japanese court condemning the illustrious scholar, Dr. Kotoku, his wife and twenty-four others to death, and whose chief crime seems to be the translation into the Japanese language of the works of Karl Marx, and their distribution amongst the Japanese people.

We further wish to warn the Japanese people that should the evidence be forthcoming, that our comrades did not resort to or excite others to resort to murderous violence, we shall call upon the British government to cease further international relations, withdraw our Ambassador from Japan, and give the Japanese Ambassador at London his passports.

We further request the citizens of other cities and communities of the British Empire to express their indignation at this outrage, if such it prove to be. We must not allow another Ferrer to be executed or martyred for the cause of Justice and Liberty.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this be sent to the Japanese Ambassador at London, England; also to The Christian Socialist, the Western Clarion, Cotton's Weekly, the Appeal to Reason and the Rip-saw.

Carried unanimously.

Signed in behalf of the Christian Socialist Fellowship.

C. R. Stewart, Secretary.

VESPER SERVICES

[illegible]

Rev. Chas. W. Casson, Dorchester, Mass., has just discovered The Christian Socialist with delight and sends the following announcements, which afford good examples of what subjects a live minister preaches on in these days that are trying men's souls.

A series of popular Vesper Services having as their fourfold aim the ministry of music, the interpretation of civic religion, the social stimulus of comradeship, and the democratic discussion of vital themes, to be held by the Third Religious Society in Dorchester on the first and third Sunday afternoons, at four o'clock.

Rev. Charles W. Casson will give eight addresses on "The New Civic Religion." Musical programs of exceptional excellence will be given at each service, under the direction of Mr. J. Arthur Colburn. At the close of the Vesper Service, as many as desire will remain for a social hour and discussion in the parish hall.

November 6	"The New Individualism"
November 20	"The Larger Civic Self"
December 4	"Fellow Faith"
December 18	"The Child and the City"
January 1	"Civic Justice"
January 15	"The Civic Crusade"
February 5	"The City of Friends"
February 19	"The Soul of the City"

ANOTHER TOWN CARRIED

On the 5th of January, 1911, we elected a Socialist mayor, recorder and four councilmen out of five.

John Wiesenmyer,
Star City, West Va.

UNIQUE RECEPTION

An event unique in the history of Socialism in this country occurred in Madison, Wis., on the evening of January 20.

The Madison local gave a banquet and reception in honor of the fourteen Socialist members of the state legislature.

There were present also Comrade Jacobs, who was our candidate for Governor, our State Secretary, Comrade Elizabeth H. Thomas.

Although the weather was disagreeable, there were between three and four hundred present, and everyone had a good time.

After the banquet there was some good speaking and dancing till midnight.

SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN [illegible]

[illegible]

Sunday School Brigade

Comrade C. H. McCartney of Ohio writes: "[illegible] Heath and I would claim the honor of being 'High Privates' in Colonel Prosser's company. [illegible] had the pleasure yesterday of assisting in the organizing of a non-denominational Men's [illegible] Class to meet Sunday afternoons to study the International Sunday School lessons for the week in advance. Should we be able to 'roll away the stone' I am sure Divine power will raise these dead to new life."

"I am 13 years old, and I wish to join the Sunday School Brigade. I will get the lessons at home and go to Sunday School every Sunday.

"Yours truly,

"Roy Garner, Florence, Colo."

"We find the C. S. is exactly the [illegible] in our Sunday School. Everything in it [illegible] eyes of the understanding."—Wm. [illegible], Kentucky.

"I am very much pleased with your Sunday School lessons and am making good use of them in [illegible] day School in one of our churches."—J. C. [illegible], South Dakota.

"A Union Sunday School has been organized [illegible] this place, and the Sunday School lessons in the Christian Socialist are being read by the [illegible] and used as far as admissible."—C. B. Lane, [illegible], New Mexico.

"I am much interested in Rev. Prosser's comments on the S. S. lessons."—Frank [illegible], Wash.

J. E. Daniels sends four subscribers, and [illegible]: "The paper is splendid these days. The [illegible] getting the paper for the Sunday School lessons."

"Am very much pleased with the paper, [illegible] its comments on the S. S. lessons."—Royal T. [illegible], California.

"I read the sample copies I received [illegible] will now hand them to my neighbors. I [illegible] day, Sunday included, so I will have my S. S. [illegible] from the Christian Socialist."—[illegible]

Editor of the Christian Socialist:

I cannot refrain longer from expressing my [illegible] appreciation of the Christian Socialist since you have made it a weekly. Comrade Prosser's writing on the Sunday School lessons is simply grand. If the infidel world could be induced to read these writings of Comrade Prosser on the S. S. lessons [illegible] more of the infidels would be led to [illegible] in the Bible. From 1890 to 1895 I [illegible] infidelity, but later, getting to see the truths brought out by Comrade Prosser, I became a strong [illegible] in the Bible. I have been presenting these [illegible] truths in Bible classes for ten or twelve years. [illegible] God continue to give us more light, and [illegible] bless and live long those who are making the Christian Socialist such a magnificent paper.

Yours for Christian Socialism,

W. C. Elliott, State Organizer, [illegible]

P. S.—Our local is now getting [illegible] week of the C. S., and we find the number insufficient, so at our meeting tomorrow I [illegible] to get the local to make arrangements for [illegible] more per week. Socialists should look [illegible] circulation of the C. S. W. C. [illegible]

Henry McGregor, Idaho, sent in a [illegible] which he says is to be used in the Sunday [illegible] and writes: "It is great for that purpose, and I [illegible] get some more soon."

TAKE NOTICE

The price of the Christian Socialist is [illegible] year. Five subscriptions for $[illegible]. Ten yearly [illegible] $7.50. This is the lowest discount we can [illegible] on annuals, on account of the cost of [illegible] the paper.

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Special Sale.

A special offer of twenty [illegible] $5 is made with the understanding that [illegible] are to be used for trial subs by [illegible]. These cards are all marked with [illegible] Special, and are not good for renewals [illegible] them are not good for a yearly.

We have no choice [illegible]

[illegible]

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QUESTIONS

1. You present three Infinities: Infinite space, Infinite time and Infinite Being. Why not include a fourth Infinite—power, force or energy?

2. If God has no parts like a man, explain Ex. XXXIII, 23-11, 20; Gen. III, 9, 10; Is. VI, 1; Ex. XXIV 9, 10, 11.

3. You write: "The materialist is trying to find a reasonable theory of origins without creative power, eternal life and infinite wisdom. I have never come across one that was concerned with origins (only to refute origins); as I understand it, he believes in Infinite Being, possessed of infinite power. After you get Infinite Being it is impossible to get any more. Infinity necessarily includes all. The Christian splits up infinity into God and Nature. The Materialist proclaims the Indivisible One, uncreate, eternal; but not showing infinite wisdom when it allows the capitalist to exist.

D. F. Bousfield.

2239 S. 43rd avenue, Chicago.

1. Because Infinite Being includes infinite power, infinite wisdom, infinite love, etc. As you say: "Infinite Being necessarily includes all."

2. The explanation lies in the mere habits of speech through convenience and limited knowledge. Why does the poet say: "The sun arose this morning clothed in gorgeous garments of cloud?" The sun does not "arise" and it is not "clothed with cloud"—but all sensible people know exactly what the poet means.

[illegible] matter itself, which is an abandonment of [illegible] with materialism; and the [illegible] of their whole argument right here. It also involves the constitution and attributes of life, of mind, of force, of love, of law. An unproven, unprovable, [illegible] ble assumption of the eternality of matter and of its ignorance, unconsciousness, and lack of will (self-government) is at the base of materialism. An Infinite Being "not showing infinite wisdom" is no Infinite Being at all. Materialism furnishes no explanation of natural law and the world of life.

The existence of capitalism is involved in "the problem of evil," which too often confuses short-sighted men; whereas a long view of the processes and progress of life will show that discipline and experience are necessary to produce wise, strong, good people. Capitalism will exist no longer than it is necessary. When a majority of the people learn the lesson that capitalism is teaching, capitalism will pass away.

From Jest to Earnest.

Ingersoll once came across an old negro washwoman reading her Bible.

"Mary, do you believe all you read there?" inquired he. "Do you believe God made man out of dust?"

"'Course I does," stoutly declared Mary.

"But suppose it happened to rain and there was nothing but mud?" queried the Colonel.

"Why, sure," retorted the old mammy, "de good Lawd dun knowed well enough jes' de right time to make dat [illegible] outen de [illegible]."

[illegible]

Burglar—"Better tell [illegible] where the valuables are."

Householder—"Well, old man, here's the combination of the [illegible]."

The essence of this is that some of us are too poor to even have a [illegible] to keep the valuables in. When we [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Read the striking account of and comment upon Secretary Ward's Western meeting. Page 6.

The more Socialism increases in vote the more concessions for the relief of the poor are granted by capitalism.

THE HILL SPECIAL.

[illegible] money to send the Hill Special to [illegible]

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[illegible]	.25
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[illegible], Illinois	.50
[illegible], California	.50
[illegible], California	.50
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[illegible], California	.75
[illegible]	.75
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[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

The Tacoma (Wash.) Daily [illegible] some live matter in its columns. On [illegible] January 13 issue, it [illegible] and account of Socialist Congressman [illegible] an editorial showing that the [illegible] by the Supreme Court made the [illegible] and warning the people against [illegible] Court; an editorial showing that [illegible] new $3,000,000 palace represents the [illegible] fortable homes for 10,000 families [illegible] 50,000 people, and [illegible] the [illegible] for the [illegible] following sensible matter:

A Kind Word to Propaganda [illegible]

"Let us keep our [illegible] [illegible]

This is fine for an old party paper [illegible] trend of the times.

Ten thousand [illegible]

[illegible]

An airship flying [illegible]

[illegible]

It is now reported that J. Ogden [illegible]

[illegible]

FELLOWSHIP

GENERAL SECRETARY
Rev. W. A. Ward, 3462 Glen Ave., St. Louis
GENERAL TREASURER
Harvey P. Moyer, 5408 Drexel Ave., Chicago
GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of Twenty-five Members

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION.

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this organization shall be the Christian Socialist Fellowship.

ARTICLE II
Objects

[illegible] that the social message of Jesus applied [illegible] production means Socialism, we declare the objects of our Fellowship to be: [illegible] Socialism to churches and other religious organizations; to show the necessity of [illegible] to the complete triumph of Christianity; [illegible] the class struggle by establishing industrial [illegible] democracy, and to hasten the reign of [illegible] brotherhood—the Kingdom of God on [illegible]

ARTICLE III
Membership

SECTION 1. Its members shall be active and [illegible]

SECTION 2. Its active members shall consist of [illegible] are both Christians and Socialists, who [illegible] to the objects as stated in Article II, [illegible] be governed by the Constitution and [illegible] pay dues. Membership dues shall be [illegible] per month.

SECTION 3. Its associate members shall be [illegible] are in sympathy with the purposes of [illegible] Fellowship, and shall be duly elected. They [illegible] the privilege of a voice, but no vote.

SECTION 4. Where local Centers exist, they [illegible] the electing body, to which all applications for membership shall be made. Where no [illegible] application for membership shall be [illegible] the General Secretary, with membership [illegible] acted upon by the General Executive Committee.

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[illegible] SECRETARY'S WESTERN TOUR.

And Something About Socialism.

[illegible] Fellowship work now takes the General Secretary [illegible] the great West to the Pacific coast and [illegible] time for this tour is limited, and only [illegible] the direct line of travel can be visited, and [illegible] those that applied for lectures.

[illegible] lecture was given before the Socialist [illegible] Kansas City, Kan., at their headquarters. The [illegible] crowded in its quarters, and many had to [illegible] the lecture. It was an interesting [illegible] followed after adjournment by a very lively [illegible] discussion.

[illegible] approached me and delivered a straight-[illegible] blow in the remark: "I am surprised that you can mix with politics anything so [illegible] as Christianity." Later she said: "Don't you [illegible] that all the thieves, murderers and harlots in [illegible] world are Christians, or the children of Christians?"

[illegible] want to know why churches have frowned [illegible] the Socialist movement and why Christians [illegible] opposed it? This woman represents one reason. [illegible] argue with her. There was no use. She [illegible] the Socialist movement! but many [illegible] will judge it by her.

[illegible] comrade began the discussion with a few [illegible] "Do you believe in a future life? Have [illegible] a soul? Do you accept the dual theory?" Soon [illegible] at me from all sides, arguing, questioning.

[illegible] to state the position of this man, according [illegible] own statements. He does not believe in any [illegible] mind or principle that might be called [illegible] He admits the reign of law, but denies any intelligence in or above it. He sees no design or purpose [illegible]

[illegible] does not believe that man is good or that he [illegible] anything or is anything because he believes it [illegible] right.

[illegible] by his own confession, a socialist entirely [illegible] personal, selfish and mercenary motives. He [illegible] ideal, does not believe in brotherhood, and [illegible] he would do nothing to benefit his fellow-[illegible] He loves only himself and what he does is [illegible] entirely for self.

[illegible] that a man cannot be a Christian and a [illegible] Christian Socialistic literature he calls [illegible] He believes that no man does anything but [illegible] which is prompted by his material interest; [illegible] factor in guiding his actions, and that the [illegible] way to make Socialists is to appeal to their self-interest; that to try to win men to a higher ideal [illegible] appeal to their [illegible] He [illegible]

[illegible]

If this man is a Socialist [illegible] Analyze him and you [illegible]

Such a Socialism (it surely is not Socialism) [illegible]

There is no danger. Such men will be overwhelmed by the vast number of Socialists who [illegible] have ideals and know the best feelings.

An Economic Base

Socialism is based on a material philosophy, because the life of man rests on a physical basis, but it will not stop there, because man is developing mind and has an emotional nature and a capacity for love. A Socialism of material interest only would [illegible] and degenerate when that interest was satisfied. The man who is converted to a Socialism of material interest only is still an individualist and a selfish [illegible]

Man in a certain stage of development may be converted to such a thing; but the majority of the people are instinctively religious. They have their ethical principles. [illegible]

Man is developing above the plane of the mere animal. Evolution will not stop with the physical man. We did not come down from the trees merely to [illegible] Material interest is not the only interest. [illegible]

[illegible] which wants all he can get and grabs [illegible] and the Socialism of men who labor each for all and all for each. I am writing this, because many confuse the two.

There are thousands of Socialists who have [illegible] and are Socialists because others have not. Many writers of scientific Socialism and leaders among the Socialists have more than their share. Still they are true Socialists, and Socialists of a finer type than the other kind—if the latter can be called Socialists at all. With such men, who are social beings, incomplete within themselves and love their fellow men, a co-operative commonwealth can be organized and maintained. That is the kind of Socialist we must make. It would not do to attempt Socialism with any other.

Wm. A. Ward.

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AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. E. E. Carr has been delivering a remarkable series of sermons and lectures at the Ninth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, as follows:

Jan. 8—"The Greatest Labor Strike."
Jan. 10—"The Kingdom of God a Social State."
Jan. 11—"Jesus and the Class Struggle."
Jan. 12—"The Bible and Surplus Value."
Jan. 13—"The Fall of Mammon."
Jan. 15 (morning)—"Spiritual Dynamics."
Jan. 15 (evening)—"The Reign of the Working Class."
Jan. 17—"What Is God?"
Jan. 18—"Rightful Owners of the Earth."
Jan. 19—"Four Necessary Powers."
Jan. 20—"The True Dignity of Labor."
Jan. 22 (morning)—"The Resurrection."
Jan. 22 (evening)—"The Kingdom of Heaven at Hand."
Jan. 24—"Justice Against Charity."
Jan. 25—"How to Conquer the World."

This church is one around which the population has changed. The former members and friends have largely moved to the suburbs, while foreigners, mostly Jews and Catholics, have moved in; therefore the problem of reaching the people is difficult. The audiences were not large, but the pastor [illegible] that at any of these meetings there were more [illegible] formerly [illegible] Sunday [illegible]

[illegible]

GENERAL TREASURER'S [illegible]

Contributions to the General [illegible] Fund [illegible] as follows:

For November—[illegible]

For December—[illegible]

[illegible]

We greatly regret [illegible]

Will not our comrades [illegible]

We need your help NOW.

Harvey P. Moyer, [illegible]

Notes and Comments

GEORGE H. [illegible]

The advice of Wendell Phillips [illegible] to embrace some great [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Sullivan, who published [illegible] and a few months after Mr. [illegible] with one also. We started the Direct Legislation Record in '93, and in '95 Mr. [illegible] who probably did more than any other [illegible] advocacy of the idea, [illegible] or two later, I took the [illegible] and was assistant editor. [illegible] years and was filled with [illegible] Legislation, and the history of the [illegible] issue was sent to 5,000 [illegible] was only a subscription [illegible] kept it up the 10 years [illegible] just came across a [illegible] by Wm. Allen White in the American [illegible] It is good reading:

"The principle of direct legislation [illegible] either by the [illegible] American states. [illegible] Michigan, Arkansas, [illegible] Nevada, Oregon and [illegible] by itself [illegible]

[illegible]

LESSON FOR [illegible]

Elijah's Victory Over the Prophets of Baal—Read and Carefully Digest All of 1 Kings 18.

In studying the persons and movements in the present series of lessons, it is important that we observe that we are not dealing with mere personalities and unrelated events. We are studying principles, systems of principles, [illegible] and [illegible] results of principles and representatives of principle. We are face to face with [illegible] movements and forms of government, [illegible] in the conflict for world supremacy and the representatives of contending [illegible]. The individuals and events we are looking at are merely incidents, a rapidly passing scene in the [illegible] of human life, a fight [illegible] between the systems contending for absolute sway over all the earth.

The Challenge

[illegible]

[illegible] provided the king would accept a challenge.

Obadiah.—According to the story, the first man Elijah met when he came into the kingdom was Obadiah, the prime minister, just as he was starting out alone in search of food for the cattle. The incident only serves to show the moral corruption and slavery of really good people under a system of government in which one man or a few men hold the power of life and death over the people. Obadiah was an upright man, a servant of Jehovah and a friend of the persecuted prophets, but it was all under cover. Force made him a hypocrite. He was a slave and a coward because [illegible] of himself and family and his very life were in the hands of the king. Does it make any difference in the moral character of men whether they live under Force or Freedom? Whether another controls the food and water supply, or we control it ourselves? Does the political, economic and social environment in which we live shape our intellectual and moral character?

[illegible]—Well, the king and the prophet finally met face to face. The first words that greeted Elijah were: "Is it thou, [illegible] Israel?" [illegible]